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SUBJECT:POSSIBLE TNC GROUP ON "IMPROVING THE TRADING
FRAMEWORK"

REFS : A) STATE 89320 (NOTAL) B) GENEVA 3062 (NOTAL)

1. IN FOLLOWUP TO QUESTION ON CREATION OF ADDITIONAL TNC
GROUP ("Z" GROUP) RAISED BY MISSION PER GUIDANCE (REF A)

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IN CONTEXT DISCUSSION WITH PATTERSON OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

LONG'S STEERING GROUP PROPOSAL (REF B), MISSION SHOULD AT ITS DISCRETION EXPLORE SUBJECT PRIVATELY AND INDIVIDUALLY WITH LONG AND KEY DELS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. EVENTS OF PAST YEAR OR TWO HAVING POWERFUL IMPACT ON WORLD TRADING SYSTEM, PLUS EXTRAORDINARY INITIATIVES IN OTHER INSTITUTIONAL FORUMS (OECD, UNGA, IMF, FAO, ECG, REGIONAL AND PRODUCT GROUPS), MAY SUGGEST MTN PARTICIPANTS MAY WANT TO LAUNCH PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION SOON OF INSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL "IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF WORLD TRADE," CITED PARAS 2 AND 9 OF TOKYO DECLARATION BUT NOT CLEARLY WITHIN PURVIEW OF EXISTING TNC GROUPS.

3. IN LOOKING TOWARD JULY TNC MEETING, WHERE COMING YEAR'S MTN WORK WILL PRESUMABLY BE OUTLINED IN GENERAL TERMS, WE WOULD LIKE TO GET INFORMAL REACTIONS OF OTHERS TO POSSIBILITY THAT TNC COULD SET UP ADDITIONAL GROUP TO BEGIN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IDENTIFICATION POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL/INSTITUTIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.

4. WHILE GROUP COULD BE CHARGED WITH WHATEVER TASKS TNC SEES AS PROPER, WE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SEE IT AS "REWRITING THE GATT" OR WRESTING TNC CONTROL AWAY FROM LONG OR DOING SPECIAL INTEREST PROJECTS FOR USG. BASIC THOUGHT IS MERELY TO GIVE EVERYONE CHANCE TO GET IDEAS FOR IMPROVING THE SYSTEM ON THE TABLE SO THAT FULL EXAMINATION WOULD BE POSSIBLE OVER EXTENDED TIME PERIOD. SCOPE OF EXISTING TNC GROUPS DOES NOT INCLUDE MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY HOW GATT PROCEDURES AND CAPABILITIES MIGHT BE STRENGTHENED.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF LONG'S PRELIMINARY REACTION IF POSSIBLE BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL NEXT WEEK IN WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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